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Functions of the Committee are—

1 To examine the extent of financial and other assistance required by the industry and advise Government in the matter.

2 To indicate the manner in which the Government can facilitate the sale of handloom cloth in the State.

3 To suggest the concessions to be given by the Government to the handloom industry as against mill industry.

4 To estimate from time to time the quality and quantity of yarn required for the handloom industry in this State (i.e., the assessment of the actual requirements of the industry as regards counts and varieties of yarn in each area of the State).

5 To suggest the improvement to be introduced in the industry and plan production so as to cater to the requirements of the local population to the extent possible.

6 To make recommendations to Government regarding the representations to be made to the Government of India about the export policy of handloom cloth, import of dyes, yarn, etc.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to clause (*b*) of the starred question No. 509 asked by Sri N. K. Palanisamy at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st December 1954, page 546 supra.]

List showing the Agenda for the Conference of States' Ministers for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Co-operation held at Srinagar on the 15th July 1954.

MAIN AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HELD AT SRINAGAR.

I. Fixation of the agenda and programme of the Conference.

II. Review of the progress of the action taken on the recommendations made by the last conference of the States' Ministers of Agriculture, Co-operation, etc.

III. Progress of land reform policies in the States.

IV. Consideration of the Report of the Sub-Committee on Co-operation.

V. Formation of a farmers' organization in the States and at the centre and holding an All-India Agricultural Producers' Conference at Delhi.

VI. Structure and basis of the next Five-Year Plan.

VII. Agricultural Research, Information and Publicity Campaigns.

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA.

1. Working of the Community Projects and the National Extension Service *vis-a-vis* Agricultural Department.

2. Arrangements for making agricultural information available to the farmers.

3. (*a*) Publicity Campaigns in respect of—(*a*) Paddy, (*b*) Sugarcane, (*c*) Coconut and (*d*) other crops.

(*b*) Extension of the Japanese and other better cultivation methods to other crops.

(*c*) Progress in raising average yields and future targets.

4. Progress of—(*a*) Go-sadans, (*b*) Key village centres, (*c*) Poultry and (*d*) Fisheries.

5. Requirements, distribution and consumption of fertilisers.

6. Resettlements of agricultural workers—Establishment of central mechanised farms.

7. Agricultural and co-operative marketing and storage arrangements.

8. Plant protection—

(i) Set up in States.

(ii) Central pool of plant protection machinery for plant protection work in the States.

(iii) Control of rats and other non-insect pests in the States.

(iv) Locusts.

(v) Control of weeds by use of chemicals.

9. Soil conservation schemes.

10. Provision of agricultural finance.

11. Production, storage and distribution of better seed.

12. Any other subject permitted by the Chair.